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REMARKS

The allowability of claims 3-11 is acknowledged appreciatively.

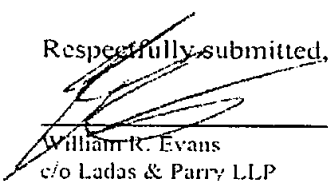
Nevertheless, the rejection of claim 2 under 35 USC 103 for obviousness from the newly cited Fly and Lorraine patents is traversed because the Lorraine patent that was cited for the click-on means in combination with the rest of the structure from the Fly patent shows three-part arrangement, with three separate hollow body, support and click-on means equivalents, as clearly shown in exploded Fig. 2. As now made clearer by the broadening amendment of claim 2, the claimed invention simplifies this arrangement by having the click-on means on one of the hollow body or support to click on the other.

A review of the above-cited cases makes it clear that there is no per se rule that making something in one piece that was formerly made in two or more pieces renders it obvious. Mooney v. Brunswick Corporation, 206 USPQ 121, 138 (E.D. Wis 1980), aff'd. on other grds., 212 USPQ 401 (7th CA 1981).

In this case, the advantage in installation, re-installation after repair, and supply both from having only two parts to keep track of and handle as opposed to the three of the art can be appreciated by both parts suppliers and parts installers, particularly those auto-mechanics who may be less skilled or, even, amateur. In the art, for example, one hand could be needed to hold the hollow body re-installation, a second hand, to hold the support, and a third hand, to click-on the spring, unless one of the hollow body and support is supportedly pre-installed, in which case only two hands are needed for the other two parts in what may be the crowded compartment of a modern automotive engine. How much better is the possibility of just two- or, with pre-installation, one-handed installation with the claimed invention. More is not required for patentability.

Reconsideration and allowance are, therefore, requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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